



**Fatality #1 - January 25, 2005**  
**Powered Haulage - MS - Cement**  
**Holcim (US) Incorporated - Artesia Quarry & Mill**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On January 25, 2005, a 49-year-old quarry operator, with 14 years mining experience, was fatally injured at a cement operation. The victim was cleaning loose material and pumping water from the primary crusher conveyor belt basement. He contacted an unguarded return idler that was about four feet above the ground and was trapped between the conveyor belt and the return idler.



**Best Practices**

- Examine work areas to identify all possible hazards and take all precautions to safely perform the task before the work begins.
- Ensure that moving machine parts are guarded to protect persons.
- Ensure that miners are prohibited from traveling through areas or performing work where they are exposed to moving machine parts that can cause injury.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2005 in Metal and Nonmetal mining. As of this date in 2004, there were no fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 1st fatality classified as Powered Haulage in 2005. There were no Powered Haulage fatalities in the same period in 2004.